(c) what measure Government are taking to undertake development works on priority basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) There is no article in the Punjab Kesri dated 25.07.2000 captioned "Dhanabhav ke karan atki chheh sau crore ke rail pariyojna".

(c) Railways are making efforts to complete all ongoing Railway projects. The progress of Railway projects is reviewed at the highest level and to ensure their completion as per targets and commensurate with the availability of funds.

The problem of shortage of funds is compounded by the existence of a huge shelf of projects, particularly under New Lines and Gauge Conversions.

In order to increase the availability of funds for Railway projects, more money has been sought and obtained as Budgetary Support in the current financial year. In addition, non-conventional sources of revenue like commercial utilisation of land and air space, leasing of Railways' right of way for laying optic fibre cables etc., are also being harnessed.

Introduction of New Trains

2298. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased state:

(a) the details of the new trains introduced in 2000;

(b) the details of trains in which the number of coaches has been increased; and

(c) the purpose of increasing wagons/coaches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) To increase the carrying capacity of the trains.